



KENTUCKY BOARD OF EDUCATION

BOARD NOTES

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DISCUSSION ON PROGRESS TOWARD PROFICIENCY BY 2014

At its April meeting, the Board examined data on the progress of schools toward proficiency by 2014 and emphasized the urgency that is needed to ensure schools make that goal. The data basically indicated:

- In 2006, 568 schools (51.26%) are in the Meeting Goal category, 408 schools (36.82%) are in the Progressing category, 91 schools (8.21%) are in the Progressing but Declining category and 41 schools (3.7%) are in the Assistance category.
- Projected 2014 performance for all schools with stable data indicates 382 schools (37.12%) will be in the Meeting Goal category, 513 schools (49.85%) will be in the Progressing category and 134 schools (13.02%) will be in the Assistance category.

Much concern was expressed by board members about what the data showed and the need to get all schools to proficiency by 2014. Department staff and board members agreed to continue the discussion at the May retreat and the June meeting. Information on what is already being done with low-performing schools as well as what additional supports are needed will be part of the next phase of discussion on this critical topic.

For more information on this agenda item, contact Rhonda Sims at (502) 564-2256 or via email at Rhonda.Sims@education.ky.gov.



CATS TRANSITION ISSUES DISCUSSED

The Kentucky Board of Education learned at the April meeting that the National Technical Advisory Panel on Assessment and Accountability (NTAPAA) has concluded that the differences between the old and new assessment systems are substantial enough to preclude a successful equating of the new assessment scale to the old scale. However, it was noted that NTAPAA members recognized that it is desirable to make comparisons between results of the old and new assessments due to tracking trends and identifying schools that have or have not met state and federal accountability targets. Thus, members were told the panel considered several options for linking the old and new systems.

The final NTAPAA recommendation that was conveyed to the Board was for the construction of concordance tables. Concordance tables relate performance on different tests of the same general content using the equipercentile method. For example, the SAT and ACT tests have been linked using this method.

Board members characterized this recommendation as good news because no interim accountability system will be necessary. Trends and identifying where schools stand within the system can continue with comparisons being made as in the past.

For more information on this topic, contact Kevin Hill at (502) 564-2256 or via email at Kevin.Hill@education.ky.gov.

FINAL APPROVAL GIVEN TO 707 KAR 1:280-1:380, REVISIONS OF THE KENTUCKY ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS

After discussion by the Curriculum, Assessment and Instruction Committee in February and April, the Board gave final approval to 707 KAR 1:280 – 1:380, Revisions of the Kentucky administrative regulations for special education programs. Extensive input was sought and received from constituencies that resulted in additional revisions to the regulations before final approval by the board. Also, the Curriculum, Assessment and Instruction Committee did request that information on the alternate assessment be brought to them at the June meeting.

A public hearing will be held on these regulations on May 31 at 10:00 a.m. local time in the State Board Room, First Floor, Capital Plaza Tower, 500 Mero Street, Frankfort, Kentucky. Individuals interested in being heard shall notify the Department of Education in writing five working days prior to the hearing. If an individual does not wish to be heard at the hearing, written comments can be submitted until May 31, 2007. Written notification of intent to be heard at the public hearing or written comments on the regulations should be sent to Kevin M. Noland, Deputy Commissioner and General Counsel, Bureau of Operations and Support Services, Kentucky Department of Education, 500 Mero Street, First Floor, Capital Plaza Tower, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, phone (502) 564-4474, fax (502) 564-9321.

For more information on the special education regulations, contact Larry Taylor at (502) 564-4970 or via email at Larry.Taylor@education.ky.gov.

MINORITY SUPERINTENDENT INTERNSHIP PROGRAM DISCUSSED

An update on the status of the Minority Superintendent Internship Program (MSIP) was presented to the Kentucky Board of Education. This program is designed to help identify and train a pool of highly qualified minority superintendent candidates for Kentucky's school districts. Elaine Farris, Shelby County Superintendent, and Diane Woods, Campbellsville Independent Superintendent, (both graduates of MSIP) spoke to the board and credited this program with enabling them to secure their positions as superintendents and open the door to opportunities that otherwise would not have been available.

Michael Dailey, Director of the Division of Educator Quality and Diversity, shared that the current recruitment cycle for MSIP will be open from April 1 through May 25. Interviews and appointments to the program will be made in June.

The Board emphasized that the Department needs to intensify its efforts to revitalize and expand MSIP. All local superintendents were urged to contact the Department with names of promising minority leaders for possible consideration.

If you need more information on MSIP or desire an application packet, contact Michael Dailey at (502) 564-1479 or email him at Michael.Dailey@education.ky.gov.

702 KAR 7:065, DESIGNATION OF AGENT TO MANAGE HIGH SCHOOL INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS GIVEN FINAL APPROVAL

After discussion at the February and April meetings, final approval was given to 702 KAR 7:065, Designation of Agent to Manage High School Interscholastic Athletics. The passage of this regulation gave approval to the following:

- Proposals 1, 7, 9 (with the addition of a sentence conveying that compliance does not apply to matters under court order), 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 19.
- Proposal 2 and 20 with the exception of the following amendments:
 - Proposal 2 - (a) Language in Proposal 2 is to be amended to allow any player that is ineligible for the one-year period to practice with the team. (b) In By-Law 4. Enrollment, Sec. 5(c) II, pertaining to non-public member schools with an average enrollment of 300 or less students enrolled in grades nine (9) through twelve (12) during the past two years, the second sentence becomes, "This non-public school territory may be expanded by the member school to include any or all of the students whose permanent residence lies within a 30-mile radius drawn from the main entrance of the non-public school".
 - Proposal 20 - Remove the last sentence that reads as follows: "The recorded vote shall not be required on matters related to the KHSAA Due Process Procedures and student eligibility".

- Return of Proposals 5, 18 and 21 to the KHSAA for additional study by the Delegate Assembly or Board of Control.
- A motion worded as follows:

Whereas the Kentucky High School Athletic Association has acted as the agent of the Kentucky Board of Education for several years in matters relating to high school athletics, it is the responsibility of the Board to periodically review and monitor this entity's operation. In fulfillment of this responsibility, the Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) in 1993 appointed a **Commission on Interscholastic Athletics** to study optimum methods and best practices to deliver quality high school interscholastic athletic programs. I now move the Kentucky Board of Education re-establish a **Commission on Interscholastic Athletics** charged with the responsibility of reviewing the operational efficiency of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association. This review shall include, but is not limited to, an examination of the following issues;

- **Are business practices conducted efficiently?**
- **Are existing by-laws monitored and enforced?**
- **Is the amount expended for legal services appropriate and reasonable?**
- **Are eligibility rulings and appeals addressed promptly and consistently?**
- **What is the role of eligibility hearing officers? Does the Board of Control usually accept their findings?**
- **Review of the relationship of the KHSAA to the court system. Are orders of the court being appropriately addressed?**

The board chair will appoint seven members, one from each of the Supreme Court Districts, to be ratified by the Kentucky Board of Education. This commission may report their findings periodically but shall provide a summary to the Kentucky Board of Education by the end of the calendar year.

- Final approval to 702 KAR 7:065, including the amendments to the bylaws and constitution as approved at the April meeting, that designates the KHSAA as its agent for the management of high school interscholastic athletics.
- Referendums 1 and 2

Questions on the regulation and bylaws, constitution and referendum changes should be directed to Julian Tackett at the KHSAA at (859) 299-5472 or via email at jtackett@khsaa.org.

OTHER ITEMS THAT WERE APPROVED AT THE APRIL MEETING WERE:

- District facility plans for Hardin and Lewis Counties and Beechwood and Pikeville Independent School Districts
- 2006-2007 Local District Tax Rates Levied
- Appointment of Katrina Slone to the State Textbook Commission
- Preschool funding, 2007-2008 rates
- Waivers of 703 KAR 5:020, Affecting grade configurations
- Site approval for a proposed new middle school, new elementary school and future school facilities in Jessamine County
- Motion to have Interim Commissioner Noland to employ an outside entity to investigate the status of a district construction project and for OEA to review employment practices in that same district

OTHER ITEMS REVIEWED BY THE BOARD IN APRIL WITH NO ACTION TAKEN WERE:

- Update on the improvement plans at Iroquois Middle School and Southern Leadership Academy (Jefferson County) and Holmes Junior/Senior High School (Covington Independent)
- Current status of Family Resource/Youth Services Centers
- Update on Kentucky Department of Education Literacy Initiatives
- 2007 elementary and secondary legislation
- Report on Title IX deficiencies for schools audited during the 2006-2007 school year and recommendations for 2007-2008
- Performance-based credits awarded toward high school graduation
- Arts assessment update
- Hearing Officer's Report
- KDE Employment Report

BOARD MEETING DATES FOR 2007 AND 2008

KBE MEETING DATES 2007

<u>2007</u>	<u>Type of Meeting</u>	<u>Location</u>
May 9-10, 2007	KBE retreat/strategic plan discussion	Available hotel, Bowling Green or Barren River State Park
June 13-14, 2007	Regular meeting	Frankfort
July 11, 2007	Regular meeting	Frankfort
August 8-9, 2007	Regular meeting	Frankfort
September 5, 2007	Regular meeting	Available hotel, Louisville
October 3-4, 2007	Regular meeting	Frankfort
November 14, 2007	Regular meeting	Available hotel, Florence
December 6-7, 2007	Regular meeting	Frankfort

KBE MEETING DATES 2008

<u>2008</u>	<u>Type of Meeting</u>	<u>Location</u>
January 9, 2008	Regular meeting	Frankfort
February 6-7, 2008	Regular meeting	Frankfort
March 5, 2008	Regular meeting	Available hotel, Richmond
April 2-3, 2008	Regular meeting	Frankfort
May 7-8, 2008	KBE retreat/strategic plan discussion	Kentucky Dam Village State Park, Gilbertsville or Lake Barkley Lodge
June 11-12, 2008	Regular meeting	Frankfort
July 9, 2008	Regular meeting	Frankfort
August 6-7, 2008	Regular meeting	Frankfort
September 10, 2008	Regular meeting	Cumberland Falls State Park, Corbin
October 1-2, 2008	Regular meeting	Frankfort
November 5, 2008	Regular meeting	Rough River State Park, Falls of Rough
December 10-11, 2008	Regular meeting	Frankfort

For questions on the above schedule, contact Mary Ann Miller or Susan Palmer at 502-564-3141 or via email at MaryAnn.Miller@education.ky.gov or Susan.Palmer@education.ky.gov.

The actions described above were taken in open session of the Kentucky Board of Education at the April 4-5, 2007, regular meeting conducted in the State Board Room, Capital Plaza Tower, 1st Floor, Frankfort, Kentucky. This information is provided in summary form, and an official record of the meeting is available on tape in the permanent records of the Kentucky Board of Education, First Floor, Capital Plaza Tower, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. These records are open for inspection Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

For additional information about the Kentucky Board of Education meetings, agendas, minutes or special accommodations needed for attending meetings, contact Mary Ann Miller, Policy Advisor at (502) 564-3141.

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